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My name is Takeo Miyaguchi and I am with the MNMRC and chairman of the AFC.

Thank you for coming here tonight to listen to the concerns of our Mami citizens who care so much about the health of our reefs. I have but a brief request from you. As a recreational fisherman, I would like to see the bag-limit rule passed as soon as possible. It is a bill that is presently in your possession which needs but your OK to move it on to completion.

I ask for a bag-limit because slowing down the depletion of fish by any means will hasten the return of the natural balance of things in the recently injured reefs.

Thanks very much for listening.

## Written Comment Form

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On Keawakapu Reef

March 30, 2010, Kihei, Maui

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Name: Elle Cochran

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Comments:

How did this happen?  
w/ technology today. How  
will our community & reefs  
be protected from such a  
catastrophy from happening  
again? An apology really  
isn't enough for negligence  
and poor judgement on  
DLNR's part. 125 modules is not  
the worst that  
could've happened?

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Division of Aquatic Resources – Attention: Keawakapu Comments

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but BAD enough? Almost  
seems like this job was  
rushed to be done on last day  
of permit. June to Dec.  
Couldn't an extension on  
permit be done? Developers  
on land do it all the  
time? Mahalo for  
being here?

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Name: Mary Jane Caldwell

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Comments: How could something like this happen  
If the DLNR & Div. of Aquatics would ??  
stop acting like policemen & try to  
form an equal partnership with users.  
Instead of an adversarial relationship  
they might have had a better outcome  
with no reef damages here & better  
outcomes throughout the system, It  
is in our best interest to care for the  
resource, you need to partner up with us.  
The resource users have a  
solid & long term interest in preservation.  
The commercial users are here  
for the long term. The DLNR &  
Div of Aquatics are short term employees  
in comparison. when you seek to  
know & understand the resource,

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You need to use the info  
from the everyday users. You  
can't possibly make informed  
disicions without that knowledge  
You need to respect the  
resource users & not treat  
them like criminals. You  
might end up with more  
valuable knowledge.

I would like to know who is responsible for giving the coordinates for dropping the concrete slabs. And yet knowing the answer really makes no difference. It all boils down to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Laura Thielan.

Fair is fair, isn't it?

I read with interest and indignation of the fines imposed on certain DLNR-DOBOR commercial use permit holders here on Maui for dropping and/or dragging anchor over coral. I thought to myself that no boater in his right mind would purposely hurt the coral reefs when to hurt that would be to hurt his livelihood. It was an accident. But accidents don't count when it comes to the Land Board giving out fines. And, what do they care – the boaters have insurance don't they?

Fair is fair, isn't it.

How much would *this* fine be? Does DLNR have insurance to cover the fine? Who would really pay? Where would the money come from? What improvement would not happen because funds would be diverted to pay this huge fine? Who really loses?

So you see what has happened? While I am interested in a solution for caring for the damaged coral, because of how DLNR has handled companies that have "hurt the coral," what I really am focused on is WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR THIS? WHO IS TO BLAME?

Because fair is fair, isn't it?

But this is just stinking revengeful thinking. So I want to offer to DLNR and the powers that be a shift in mind set or attitude. Get out of your ivory tower mentality. Have some kindness and compassion. You see it has happened to you. How does it feel? Not so good, I bet. We all have to live on this planet and on this island. The boaters provide revenue for our island economy. Have some respect and compassion for them. You might find that you will get back in kind what you give.

Audrey Allencastre

I grew up in Keawakapu and attended the old Kihei school in the 50's when the only boaters I saw were the Akina's fixing nets in front of Aunty Becky's tavern.

Hannah Bernard

Pres. Hawaii Wildlife Fund

It was very sad to hear about Keawakapu reef in Dec. The big question is how DLNR can bring Keawakapu reef back and improve all the Maui reefs. I have talked with many others and this is what we came up with:

1). Immediately make Keawakapu reef and surrounding reefs ( from Maluaka to McGregor's Point) a Marine Protected Area to let the reefs recover

*for maui*  
Bring Bag Limits to public hearing

2). Sign bag limit changes for Maui ASAP. This has been sitting on your desk for a while

3). Enact a NO TAKE RULE with scuba, or any other surface air for the island of Maui immediately

4). Allow NO more aquarium fish collector licenses issued and make current licenses non-transferable

5). Correct injection wells to recycle waste water instead of dumping it in the ocean

6). Build the bathrooms and pump out stations at Maalaea Harbor that were funded and promised 4 years ago

As long as fish are removed and pollution continues the reefs won't recover.

## Testimony for DLNR: immediate and longer term measures to restore coral on Maui.

Mahalo nui loa to US Fish and Wildlife and NOAA employees for your efforts to evaluate the damage to Maui's precious reefs, and to Chairperson Laura Thielen for calling this meeting and listening to our recommendations. Thank you.

My name is Robin Newbold. I'm a marine biologist and currently the Chair of the MNMRC. I greatly appreciate your assurance, Chair Thielen, that "we will take immediate action to restore the live coral to the extent possible". While there are many steps to be taken, the most helpful immediate action would be to close- for all take - the Keawekapu reef area – including the large reef that runs parallel to shore from Kihei to Wailea. That would remove further stress from extraction, and provide a nursery habitat off shore, while the Department decides upon and enacts other measures to restore coral and reef habitat affected by this loss.

A second critical measure to take immediately is enacting the Bag Limit rule - right away - as a temporary measure. If that isn't possible, please at least fast track it through the DLNR process. Regulating the size and number of fish taken from Maui's reefs will protect species integral to the health of the coral, like the parrotfish. The Bag Limit rule must include a "no take with spear on SCUBA" component to protect the parrotfish which are currently taken by the boatload by foreign fishing groups – mostly while the parrotfish are sleeping. I urge you get this bag limit rule, with the restriction of spear on SCUBA in place immediately.

Regarding removal of the concrete: It would be ideal for the concrete not to remain on the reef. However, we don't want to risk further damage to the coral and fish during removal. So if the slabs, which are most likely to be moved around by storm waves could be removed, that would prevent further damage and allow the coral to grow back more quickly. So I suggest those slabs, at least, be removed.

Longer term: Restoring the coral is integrally connected to abundant native fish populations, flowing streams and clean water. So the MNMRC voted to recommend the following;

- Increase the amount of shoreline set aside as fish replenishment areas so larger individuals may live and reproduce to help repopulate unprotected areas.
- Support stream flow restoration in at least 8 east Maui streams. This is crucial to replenishment of native fish to our reefs, which will in turn support coral growth, fishers and our cultural heritage.
- Secure federal funding to support a phase out of injection wells and recycling of waste water on Maui. The injected wastewater causes algae to grow and smother our coral. Federal funds are available!
- Support the Council's efforts to work with individual communities to protect & restore coral and fish populations based on traditional management models.

One more recommendation: Dan Polhemus is a great scientist. His participation in this restoration process is crucial to its success. Leaving DAR without a leader at this time would be a disastrous decision. There isn't anything worse you could do. Maui desperately needs Dan's excellent knowledge and leadership – particularly in light of this disaster. So we urge you to ask Dan to stay and lead the effort to restore Maui's coral reefs.

Chair Thielen, we support you personally in your efforts to turn a disaster into an opportunity as you work swiftly and decisively to reverse the declining state of Maui's coral and its inhabitants. I hope you will take these recommendations under consideration as we work together to accomplish our common goal.

Thank you.

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